



100 Suggested Titles for High School Students

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This is a suggested reading list for high school students and is not intended for middle school students or elementary school students. The suggested titles reflect the quality and complexity of the types of material high school students should be reading both at school and outside of class. This list contains contemporary titles to create a more comprehensive list for expanding options for classroom teachers, librarians, students, and parents.

The purpose of this list is to provide suggestions for literature with a wide appeal to high school students. While this list is not intended to replace existing reading lists, classroom teachers, reading teachers, library information specialists, parents, and others are encouraged to use this list to encourage their young people to read a wider variety of current literature.

Criteria used in the selection of books for this suggested reading list were:

- Copyright date must be within ten years from the current calendar date;
- Each title must have at least two favorable review from recognized review sources;
- Each title must be currently available in print; and
- All South Carolina Young Adult Book Award Nominees for the current year must be included.

This list will be updated annually to meet the selection criteria as outlined above. For more information about this high school suggested reading list, please contact Martha Alewine (malewine@sde.state.sc.us).

100 Titles for High School Students Alphabetical by Author

AUTHOR	TITLE	© DATE
Albom, Mitch	The Five People You Meet in Heaven	2003
Allende, Isabel	City of the Beasts	2002
Appelt, Kathi	Kissing Tennessee	2000
Atkins, Catherine	Alt Ed	2003
Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	Hawksong	2003
Auch, Mary Jane	Ashes of Roses	2002
Ballard, Allen B.	Where I'm Bound	2001
Bardi, Abby	Book of Fred	2001
Berenstain, Stan and Jan	Down a Sunny Dirt Road: An Autobiography	2002
Brashares, Ann	Second Summer of the Sisterhood	2003
Brooks, Martha	True Confessions of a Heartless Girl	2003
Brown, Dan	Digital Fortress, The	2004
Brown, Don	Our Time on the River	2003
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Cabot, Meg	All American Girl	2002
Chambers, Aidan	Postcards from no man's land	2003
Chavez, Denise	Loving Pedro Infante	2001
Chotjewitz, David	Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi	2004
Cohn, Rachel	Pop Princess	2004
Compston, Christine	Earl Warren: Justice for all	2001
Corrigan, Eireann	Splintering	2004
Crossley-Holland, Kevin	Seeing Stone, The	2001
Davis, Sampson	Pact, The	2002
Dean, Carolee	Comfort	2002
Deaver, Julie Reece	Night I Disappeared, The	2002
Dessen, Sarah	This Lullaby	2002
Deuker, Carl	High Heat	2003
Donnelly, Jennifer	Northern Light, A	2003
Dubus, Andre	House of Sand and Fog	1999
Dunkle, Clare	Hollow Kingdom	2003
Durbin, Willilam	Darkest Evening, The	2004
English, Karen	Francie	1999
Escilsen, Erik E.	Offsides	2004
Farmer, Nancy	House of the Scorpion	2002
Fradin, Dennis Brindell	Fight On! Mary Church Terrell's Battle for Integration	2003
Froese, Deborah	Out of the Fire	2001
Fujishima, Kosuke	Oh, my goddess! Wrong number	2003

Giles, Gail	Dead Girls Don't Write Letters	2003
Glanz, James	City in the Sky	2003
Going, K. L.	Fat Kid Rules the World	2003
Graydon, Shari	Made you look: How advertising works and why you should know	2003
Grimes, Nikki	Bronx Masquerade	2002
Haddix, Margeret	Turnabout	2000
Halvorson, Marilyn	Bull rider	2003
Hansen, Joyce	Heart Calls Home, The	2002
Hathaway, Barbara	Missy Violet & Me	2004
Hawes, Louise	Vanishing Point, The	2004
Heneghan, James	Flood	2002
Herrmann, Dorothy	Helen Keller: A Life	1999
Hillenbrand, Laura	Seabiscuit	2001
Hobbs, Valerie	Letting go of Bobby James, or How I Found Myself of Steam	2004
Hospital, Janet Turner	Due Preparations for the Plague	2003
Hughes, Dean	Soldier Boys	2001
Hurst, Carol Otis	Killing in Plymouth Colony, A	2003
Ishiguro, Kazuo	When We Were Orphans	2001
Johnson, Angela	First Part Last, The	2003
Jordan, Sherryl	Hunting of the last dragon, The	2002
Keller, Helen	Story of my life, The	2003
Kidd, Sue	Secret Life of Bees	2002
Klass, David	Home of the Braves	2002
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Korman, Gordon	Son of the Mob	2002
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Mackler, Carolyn	Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things, The	2003
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Martin, Jesse	Lionheart	2000
Maynard, Joyce	Usual Rules, The	2003
McNamee, Graham	Acceleration	2003
Mead, Alice	Swimming to America	2005
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful	2003
Namioka, Lensey	An Ocean Apart, A World Away	2003
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Paolini, Christopher	Eragon	2003
Patneau, David	Thin Wood Walls	2004
Pattou, Elizabeth	East	2003
Paulsen, Gary	Guts	2001

Peck, Richard	River between us, The	2003
Pickens, Cathy	Southern Fried	2004
Plum-Ucci, Carol	She, The	2003
Powell, Randy	Three clams and an oyster	2002
Roberts, Cokie	Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation	2004
Roberts, Willo Davis	Rebel	2003
Rockwood, Joyce	To Spoil the Sun	2003
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	2005
Schmidt, Gary D.	Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy	2004
Shange, Btozake	Daddy Says	2003
Shusterman, Neal	Full Tilt	2003
Tashjian, Janet	Fault Line	2003
Tobin, Betsy	Bone House: A Novel	2001
Trueman, Terry	Inside out	2003
Watts, Leander	Wild Ride to Heaven	2003
Withrow, Sarah	Black Sunshine of Goody Prynne, The	2003
Wittlinger, Ellen	ZigZag	2003
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